By the King.

A PROCLAMATION

Against Tumultuous Petitions.

CHARLES R.

Whereas His Majesty hath been informed, That divers evil disposed Persons at this time, endeavour in several parts of this Kingdom, to Frame Petitions to His Majesty for specious ends and purposes relating to the Publick, and thereupon to Collect and Procure to the same, the Hands or Subscriptions of multitudes of His Majesties Subjects; Which Proceedings are contrary to the Common and known Laws of this Land, for that it tends to promote Discontents amongst the People, and to Raise Sedition and Rebellion. His Majesty considering the evil Consequences that may happen if such Offences should go unpunished, and lest that any of His good Subjects should be inveigled by Plausible Pretences, or should through inadvertency or ignorance, be engaged to a Breach of the Laws in any of the Particulars aforesaid, His Majesty hath therefore thought fit (by the Advice of His Privy Council) to Declare and make the same known by this His Royal Proclamation, and doth hereby strictly Charge and Command all and every His Loving Subjects, of What Rank or Degree soever, That they presume not to Agitate or Promote any such Subscriptions, nor in any Wise joyn in any Petition of that manner to be Preferred to His Majesty, upon Peril of the utmost Rigour of the Law that may be inflicted for the same. And His Majesty doth further Command all Magistrates, and other Officers to Whom it shall appertain, to take effectual Care, that all such Offenders against the Laws, be Prosecuted and Punished according to their Demerits.

Given at Our Court at *Whitehall* the Twelfth day of *December* 1679. In the One and thirtieth year of Our Reign.

God save the King.

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